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"The Song is over but the Melody lingers on."

As you see we are loathe to put aside our reminiscences of the Re-union. We feel that you want to know every little detail, especially those of you who were unable to attend, so throughout this issue again you will find much Re-union news. Our cover depicts one of the highlights of each day, the reception held in the Nurses' Residence. The greatest attraction was the tastefully arranged table with its centerpiece, the Re-union Birthday Cake.

There have been many changes in the Hospital personnel this Fall. We regret very much the loss of Sister Mary Nativity, who as Sister Superior for the past six years, was a real friend of the Alumnae and its members. Sister became known to every graduate during the Re-union, for it is to her that we owe much of the success of that eventful time. Our best wishes go with her to Winnipeg. However, every cloud has its silver lining, and we cannot think of a more appropriate way of describing Sister Mary Margaret's return home to St. Michael's. WELCOME BACK, SISTER.

There are a few items in this issue to which we would like to direct your attention. First, to ask you to support the Scholarship Draw which will be under way shortly. Secondly, to remind you to support our nurses overseas, by supporting the Victory Loan Campaign, and lastly to draw

your attention to the report of the Canadian Nurses' Biennial Convention, with particular reference to the underscored portions. This is worth thinking about, we are afraid that nurses generally, do not realize that the nursing situation is serious.

We are printing the names of those whose News was returned last time—we are not sending these out again, so if any of our members can give us the correct address for these lost copies, we shall be glad to re-direct them.

THE EDITORS.



Just to Remind You:

FEEES FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE DUE JANUARY 1st, and must be paid by FEBRUARY 1st.

TO SEND IN THAT CHANGE OF ADDRESS —TODAY.

TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. MISS DOREEN MURPHY IS CONVENER—ANY SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

THAT THE PLAN FOR HOSPITAL CARE CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 15th.

ALUMNAE

THE Fall meeting of St. Michael's Hospital Alumnae Association took place on Oct. 3rd, in the Nurses' Residence. Miss K. Boyle was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. In the absence of the corresponding secretary, the correspondence was read by Mrs. Neville.

The following reports were given:—

Plan for Hospital Care—re-opened in September for new members and closes November 15th. Please contact Miss Veronica Murphy, 30 Glendonwyne Avenue.

Private Duty—Registry—Miss Mary Brown reported that they were requested to ask all nurses wanting relief while on duty to notify Registry or Sister Melanie so that there will not be duplication. Nurses are reminded of their \$1.00 fee payable to Miss Munn's office for Registration in Ontario.

Nursing Education—This very comprehensive report was given by Miss Grace Murphy, who informed the members that at present there are 232 students in the School and 75 graduates on the staff. 8 students are taking post-graduate study in the O.R. and 6 pupil dietitians are taking their student work at the Hospital. She also reported that four clinical supervisors have been appointed to the D wing for ward teaching and that a program of staff lectures are in progress commencing with five lectures in Clinical Chemistry. All Alumnae members are welcome to these lectures.

During the meeting plans were made to send Overseas Boxes to all nurses in the Services. Mrs. R. Forrester to convene this project. The sum of \$200.00 was voted to cover this. An Honorarium of \$25.00 was voted the President for expenses incurred during her term of Office. \$25.00 was voted to the United Welfare Fund. Suggestions were presented with regard to raising money for the Scholarship Fund. Miss D. Murphy was asked to convene this with power to choose her own committee. Miss Julia O'Connor moved that a Christmas card with the Alumnae Crest be secured so that Sisters and others who have left the Hospital might be remembered.

The highlights of the evening were the presence of our new Sister Superior, Sister Margaret, who

spoke to the meeting, and the excellent report of the Canadian Nurses' Convention given by Miss D. Murphy.

Miss Marie Bedford was the winner of the attendance prize and the meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.



Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:—

At our Fall Meeting a motion was passed that a letter be sent you expressing the appreciation of the Alumnae for your interest in our organization and its members during your tenure of office as Sister Superior.

This happy task has fallen to me, Sister, and while I feel at a loss to find words to adequately express our feelings, I think that you know just what you meant to us all. Time and time again, nurses have said that nothing seemed to be too small for you to give of your time, and we all know how many times we interrupted you at work, and took you from your many varied tasks, only to be received most graciously and sympathetically and made to feel that our particular request or want was the most important item on your busy agenda.

Because of our association, Sister, you have become a permanent part of St. Michael's which no amount of distance can affect. We want you to know that our best wishes go with you in your new work and to assure you that we appreciate your many acts of kindness and thoughtful interest.

Sincerely yours on behalf of

ST. MICHAEL'S NURSES' ALUMNAE
ASSOCIATION,

KATHLEEN M. BOYLE, President



Ella McAusland '38 is a patient at the Queen Alexandra Sanitarium, London, Ont. Ella has been there since the beginning of June and is progressing nicely. How about a letter from all her classmates? Or a visit if you're in London.

Catherine Davidson '42 has recently returned from the North. We are glad to hear that she has recovered from her appendectomy.

~ WEDDINGS ~



SANDERSON - MURPHY

—At St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Ont., on Aug. 18, 1944, N/S Margaret Mary Murphy, '36 to Bertrand Sanderson. Rev. Bernard Cox officiated and Flt. Lieut. Rev. Blake Ryan, R.C.A.F. was in the sanctuary. N/S Esme Murphy '39, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

RYAN-POWERS—In Brampton, Ont., on July 1st, 1944, Marie Powers '18 to Fred Ryan.

BEAIRSTO-WADDEN—On September 22, 1944, at St. John's Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, by Rev. Marcus Doherty, S.J., Helen Josephine Wadden '42 to Lieut. Arthur W. Beairsto, R.C.A.M.C.

DART-FOSTER—On September 16th, 1944, at St. John's Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Margaret Foster to John Dart, R.C.A.M.C.

LOEPPKY-HODGES — At Alhambra United Church, Toronto, on July 26th, 1944, Lillian Hodges '44 to L.A.C. Bernard Loeppky, RCAF. Eunice Darragh '44 attended the bride.

FOLLIS-LAURIA—On August 30, 1944, in St. John's Chapel of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Kay Lauria '41 to Clyde Follis. They are now residing in New Westminster, B.C.

JOLLY-DOYLE—In Toronto, at St. John's Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, Ruth Doyle '42 to Lieut. Robert Jolly, R.C.A.M.C., on Sept. 23, 1944. They are now residing in Yarmouth, N.S.

ARMSTRONG-McKAY—On Sept., 1944, Dr. Margaret McKay to Capt. John Armstrong, R.C.A.M.C., in St. Clair Avenue United Church, Toronto.

McPHEE-DEMAER—In St. Basil's Church, Toronto, on July 14, 1944, by Rev. Father Forrestell, Leona Madeliene Demaer '40, to Sgt. Norman J. McPhee.



ENGAGEMENTS

Joan MacKinnon '44 to Joseph Burns.

Eileen Kelly '26 to Jerry Quin.



Maude Tisdale '39 and a companion from the V.O.N. spent part of their holidays this summer on a nine day bicycle trip. Starting from Montreal they biked around Lake Memphramagog, and covered over 225 miles. They stayed at Canadian and American Youth Hostels along the way. Despite the fact that they were travelling through the mountains of Vermont during a record heat wave, they still say it is the only way to travel and appreciate the beautiful country and get acquainted with the people. They are already planning when they will take their bikes for a holiday next year.



Edith Earl '36 was a visitor here recently from New York City.

Aileen Riordan '21 in her re-union letter writes that while at the Montreal Convalescent Hospital she met two St. Michael's Graduates, Miss Egli '15 who is Supervising Nurse and her assistant, Anna Belle McDonald '12.

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Florida, U.S.A.

I am sending you my new address as I miss my Alumnae News so much. Could you send me the last two back copies?

We live right in Panama City altho' Tyndall Field where my husband is stationed is about 12 miles from town on an island right out in the Gulf of Mexico. Geographically, we are approximately 200 miles from New Orleans.

I hope my address is not too long that it won't be too much trouble. I hope that we will all be at peace soon and home.

Thanking you very much,

JEAN YOUNG SOPER '42.



ATTENDING UNIVERSITY

Nursing Education

Sister Angeline
Sister Florian
Sister Marie Stella

Public Health

Eileen Morris '42
Mary Comartin '44
Anna McMahon '44
Betty Foley '43

Surgical Nursing

Barbara Sadler '44
Rose Stanfield '44

Recent additions to the staff of Christie St. Hospital include, Loretta Archambault '40 and Mary DeLaplante '40.

Rose McQuadi '31 has resigned from the staff of Christie St. Hospital, and is now associated with Dr. C. P. McCormick, as his scrub nurse.

THE VANISHED RACE

The following cards or magazines returned to us, as the addresses were not correct. Please notify any of these, that that is the reason their magazine is failing to reach them now:

Nora Devinish, Norah McDevitt, Mary Cannon, A. Dryden, Dora Aylwood, S. Moree, G. Snell, Ruth Doyle, Audrey Hogle, Iola Scully, D. Shamess, Mary McParland, Mamie Tuffy, Florence Dewan, Grace Coyle, Mrs J. Burke, Mary Clark, Irene Bain, Mary Cannon, Rita Roque, Catherine Davidson, Mrs. Alma Trayling, Mrs. Leo Hickey.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

SUPERVISORS

Operating Room—Sister de Sales
Out Patients'—Sister Bernice
Emergency—Sister Marion
2 B—Sister St. Matthew
5 B—Sister St. Hugh
3 B—Mrs. Helena McLarty Grieg.
4 C—Mary Haughey
4 D—Sister Helen Marie
2 D—Frances McDonald

CLINICAL INSTRUCTRESS

Surgery—Dorothy Shamess
Gynaecology—Lois Huck
Female Medicine—Adele Johnston.
Male Medicine—Eunice Darrach

Dorothy Callaghan is assistant instructress in Nursing Arts.



Sister Albertine who has most efficiently headed the Out Patients' Dept., here for the past ten years has been transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital, Winnipeg. It was with deep regret that we received word of this change, for Sister Albertine has rendered an invaluable service to the hospital, the students and the community.



Sister St. Nilus '38 has recently arrived in Comox, B.C., to augment the staff at St. Joseph's Hospital. We hope you'll enjoy the West, Sister!



It is nice to see Sister St. Matthew home after her long stay in Winnipeg. Welcome home, Sister!

Buy War Savings Stamps.

Many changes have taken place in the Dietetic Department this summer, Miss Margaret McCully has accepted a position of responsibility at the Aluminum Co. of Canada, while Kay Bettington has joined the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. St. Michael's nurses everywhere will hear of their departure from our School with regret, and wish them well in their new fields of endeavor.

St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing

THE Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was established at Le Puy, France, on October 15, 1650, when a group of young women desired to devote themselves in religious life to their own sanctification and to works of charity for the good of their neighbour. On the Feast of St. Teresa, 1650, they were given the Holy Habit in the Chapel of Le Puy, placed under the protection of St. Joseph, and were to be known as the Sisters of St. Joseph.

God blessed this new Congregation so abundantly that it spread rapidly throughout France. But the Revolution of 1789 spared the Community of St. Joseph none of its ravages. Their convents were closed, their property was confiscated, and the Sisters were obliged to seek shelter in their own homes.

Many of them suffered imprisonment and death; others of the Community, among them, Mother St. John Fontbonne, escaped the guillotine only by the fall of Robespierre on the day before that set for their execution.

This noble woman was destined by God for the great work of re-establishing the Congregation after the revolution in 1808, when she was invited to train in the primitive spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, an association of young ladies and former members of religious orders. In 1836 the first American foundation was made from the Community at Lyons, at the request of the Bishop of St. Louis, Missouri.

A missionary band of six among whom were Mother St. John's neices, Sister Febronia and Sister Delphine, opened a house at Carondelet, Missouri. New foundations quickly followed in response to appeals from all parts of the United States. In 1850, Mother Delphine was sent to take charge of the Community in Philadelphia. From this branch the following year, she made at Toronto the first Canadian Foundation. Mother Delphine with Sister Martha, Sister Alphonsus and Sister Bernard, arrived in Toronto on Oct. 7, 1851, and were entrusted with the care of the Orphanage on Nelson Street, now known as Jarvis Street.

Poverty and hardship were the portion of the Sisters during these early years. At the close of 1855, the cross pressed heavily on the young community. An epidemic of fever broke out. Among the victims was Mother Delphine, who died on February 7, 1856, a martyr to charity, having contracted the fatal malady during her attendance on the fever stricken patients. In spite of difficulties, the Sisters continued their work of caring for the aged, of teaching and visiting the sick poor, in their homes.

In 1891, during an epidemic of the then dreaded Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, in answer to an appeal from Doctor Norman Allan, Medical Officer of Health, once again a small band of Sisters from St. Joseph's Convent, Sister Julianna, Sister de Sales, and Sister St. Felix, assisted in the care of the sick in the old Isolation Hospital on Broadview Avenue. Later they were replaced by Sister Attracta, Sister Theophila, Sister Eugenie and Sister Demetria. Their success in this emergency nursing led to a suggestion that a Hospital be opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph. With this in mind, Sister Columba and Sister Attracta were sent to Montreal to Hotel Dieu Hospital to acquire a knowledge of nursing, and preparations were begun to convert the Notre Dame Boarding House for Girls, (formerly a Baptist Church at 30 Bond St.) into a twenty-seven bed hospital, to be known as "St. Michael's Hospital" with Mother de Chantal as the first Superior.

Almost immediately after the opening of the hospital, July 2, 1892, it was filled with patients.

In 1892, two wards were added, bringing the bed capacity up to fifty. Even this proved inadequate to meet the demands so that in November, 1895, a new addition, The Hugh Ryan Surgical Wing, was erected providing accommodation for 153 patients in all.

In 1912, a four-storey Medical wing made possible the accommodation of 350 patients, and 1921, a suite of five Operating Rooms was built. Between the years 1926 and 1928, the Hugh Ryan Wing was replaced by the A & B Units, for private and semi-private patients, and the C unit for radiology, laboratory, emergency and out-patients departments. The entire seventh floor was given over to obstetrics.

In 1936-37 still more space was needed to meet the ever increasing needs. This necessitated demolishing the original hospital for replacement by the present E unit, in which are the chapel, foyer, Administrative offices, medical library, kitchen, nurses dining-rooms, central supply room, Chaplain's suite, private and semi-private accommodation, making the total bed capacity now 678.

During the year 1943, figures show that there were 15,089 patients treated in hospital; 14,789 in the emergency; 73,333 in the outpatients department, and that 1,827 births were recorded, while during the first year, 787 patients were cared for, and 3 births recorded.

It is worthy to note that, St. Michael's Hospital was the first Catholic Hospital in Canada to found a School of Nursing. This was due largely to the foresight of the late Doctor R. J. Dwyer, Medical Chief, whose personality dominated the

hospital in its early days and whose influence still survives. Down through the years to the present day the members of the medical staff have generously contributed to the courses given to the student nurses in medicine, surgery, and obstetrics. Each year members of the graduating class are recipients of prizes donated by them.

The first class of five students was organized shortly after the official opening of the hospital in September, 1892, and the graduation of this group took place after two years of training in 1894. These were—Mary Murphy, K. Madden, Annie Chrysler, Elizabeth O'Leary, and Mary Shinner. We had the honour and pleasure of having two of these nurses with us for the reunion—Miss O'Leary and Miss Chrysler, now Mrs. Hilliker.

In the early years, supervision of the surgical ward was under the direction of Sister de Sales; that of the medical ward under Sister St. Felix. Mother de Chantal was assisted in the training of nurses by Miss Harrison, graduate of Bellevue Hospital, as the first Head Nurse, whose duties included charge of the operating and delivery rooms, as well as instructions in the nursing procedures. She was succeeded by Miss Margaret Kelmen, graduate of the Mack Training School, St. Catherine's General and Marine Hospital.

In 1915, after post-graduate work at the Mayo Clinic, Sister Mercedes one of the early graduates who entered the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was appointed Superintendent of Nurses with Sister St. Philip as operating room supervisor. In 1918 Sister Melanie, the present director of the private duty nurses, took charge of the Training School, being replaced by Sister Mercedes in 1921. In 1921 a new Nurses' Residence was built on the Hospital grounds to replace the former Nurses' Home on Victoria St., which had been so generously donated by Mrs. Hugh Ryan.

This residence is an eight-storey building composed for the most part of single rooms for the students, lecture and demonstration rooms, offices, reception and recreation rooms, and the other departments for the comfort and convenience of the students. It is interesting to note the foresight of the Sisters in planning a students' library, such an asset in the education of the nurse. The graduates of the early twenties will cherish delightful recollections of their successful bazaar conducted to furnish the new students' library. To-day the School of Nursing is proud of its library, containing over 3,000 books of religious, social, professional, recreational and cultural value.

In 1932 a second ten-storey addition to the residence was erected to provide accommodation for the increased number of students and space for a more adequately equipped demonstration room.

During this period Sister Jeanne ably directed the education of the students for nine years, until she was succeeded by Sister Mary Kathleen in 1940.

At the present time, there are 220 students in training with 74 in the 1944 graduating class, a number exceeded only by that of the 1932 class of 76. Just as the student body has increased, so too has the graduate staff in the hospital and school of nursing.

In the early years the staff of 4 or 5 would have looked with joy to the future staff of to-day numbering 105. Of these, 62 are engaged in general duty nursing, 35 in supervisory and assistant supervisory capacity and the remaining 8 on the Staff of the School of Nursing, thus endeavoring to provide more efficient service and more adequately supervised and prepared student nurses. The graduates of to-day work a straight eight-hour day and a six-day week.

The student nurses too have decreased hours of duty, a two-hour rest period at night, the day or night off weekly, the annual 3 weeks vacation, the abolishment of night classes and lectures, the short hair and shorter skirts.

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, officially affiliated with the prima Primaria in 1926, is the student nurses organization, the religious, social, and recreation life of the school. On the monthly Sodality Sunday the students participate in the Missa Recitata. Yearly there is a students retreat, and each year has its uniform dance and its class picnic. Still as in the past the concerts at Hallowe'en and Christmas and on St. Patrick's Day display the talent and originality of the students and provide entertainment for the school.

And then the Alumnae. This association was formed in 1904 to promote unity and good will among the graduates and the advancement of the profession of nursing. The achievement during the years is evidence of its success. Each year Holy Mass is offered for the deceased members; floral bouquets are sent to, or Holy Mass is offered for the deceased parents of Alumnae members. For many years a scholarship has been given to a member of the graduating class for post-graduate work. For the past 3 years, a second scholarship is given to a graduate of two years standing for the same purpose. Sick nurses and nurses overseas are sent boxes at Christmas time and the members of the military forces are given identification lockets. The Alumnae News speaks for itself.

To-day we are proud of our 1,550 graduates engaged in every phase of nursing—Armed Forces, industrial and public health nursing, private duty and hospital staff duty.

To-day in 7 different religious communities, over 50 graduates have given their lives to the service of The Master.



In a recent letter home, Helen Hyland '25 tells of her great privilege in being received in audience by His Holiness the Holy Father. Helen relates that His Holiness was very interested in her unit, the fact that she came from Canada and the nursing sisters in general.

Flt. Lieut. Cliff Healey, R.C.A.F., is now stationed at No. 2 Convalescent Hospital, Ancaster.

Squadron Leader F. McInnis and Mrs. McInnis and babe were in Toronto recently. They were on route from Boston to Deer Lodge Hospital, Winnipeg.

Word has been received that Fl. Lt. Don. Moran, R.C.A.F., has arrived safely overseas and is on transfer for the Far East.

N.S. (Lt.) Esme Murphy, R.C.A.F., '41, has been in town for the past three weeks taking a course in Aviation Medicine.

Lieut. Surg. J. McCormick and Mrs. McCormick (D. Vandervoort '36) and little son, were recent visitors here.

N.S. Mary Clemens '39, we are happy to report, is back on the well list, having recovered from her serious illness.

N.S. Helen Pickett '42 has been transferred from Brampton Military Hospital to Chorley Park, Toronto.

N.S. Doris Carioni '40 has been added to the strength of Camp Borden Military Hospital.

Lt. Janey McLeod, R.C.A.M.C., is now stationed at London, Ont., having transferred from Halifax, N.S.

N.S. Mary Cannon, R.C.A.F., '42, is now stationed at St. Thomas, Ontario.

The following is an excerpt from the Toronto Globe and Mail. "With United States Army Forces in New Caledonia—Two former Ontario women, 2nd Lieut. Anne C. McLeister and 2nd Lieut. Jessie Livingston, are serving with the Army Nurse Corps at a general hospital at this South Pacific Island base. Lieut. McLeister is a graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, and a former supervisor in a general hospital. She entered the army in Sept., 1942, and went overseas in May, 1943.

GOOD NEWS

At long last word has been received that Marjorie McQuarrie '35 who suffered an injury to her back, is now in England in a Convalescent Hospital, and is reported to be well on the road to recovery.



Keep your Bonds until they mature—Back up our Nurses at the Front.

N.S. Marie Pilon '25 and N.S. Margaret Hunt '32 have returned to Canada from overseas.



Catherine McGuiness '21 attended the Canadian Nurses' Convention in Winnipeg, then proceeded out to the Coast where she visited with Sister Amata and Sister Jeanette in Comox, B.C.

Mrs. H. McMullen (Rita Moore '32) is now residing in North Bay, Ontario.

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Undergraduate Activities

ON October 5th, a weiner roast was held in the Nurses' Residence as a welcoming party for 56 preliminary students. The new students were called on at random to entertain and much latent talent was uncovered.

The first Sodality meeting of the year was held on October 12th. The main event on the program was the election of officers. The new Executive are:—

Lois Pelletier — President
 Patricia McNeil — Vice-President.
 Clare Brezenski — Secretary.
 Betty Gillis—1st Treasurer
 Frances Corrigan — 2nd Treasurer.

At this meeting plans were formulated to begin a School paper. Plans were also made for the Hallowe'en party to be held later in the month. It was decided that the Annual Bingo to help defray the costs of the Overseas boxes for the nursing sisters would be held on November 8th.

The 56 probies accompanied by Mrs. Neville, Misses D. Callaghan and H. Savage went picnicing in High Park on October 7th.

Lois Pelletier, Claire Brezenski and Betty Murphy attended the Archdiocesan Reunion Rally held at St. Joseph's Convent Auditorium. Fr. Hugh Sharkey spoke on "China" and entertained the delegates in his own inimitable fashion.

—Elizabeth Kennedy '46



PUBLIC HEALTH

Hilda Kerr '21 is now the full time worker in Hospital Health Service at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Aileen Enright '20 is now on the staff of the St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses' Association.



Previous to her wedding Ruth Doyle '42 was entertained by Mrs. R. McCloskey (M. Linton '42).

We Extend Our Sympathy to :

Augustine Bourdon '26 whose brother died recently.

Florence Conlin, '13 on the loss of her sister.

Norma Middleton '42 on loss of her grandmother.

Helen Rashotte '46 whose brother died of wounds overseas.

Ann Loftus Witte, '21 on the death of her mother.

Eileen Kelly '32 on the death of her father.

Capt. and Mrs. Thos. Dixon on the death of their infant son.

Gertrude Meyers '43 on the death of her father.

Doctor MacPhedran on the death of his brother.

Helen Sibbald '14 on the death of her mother.



Support the Scholarship Raffle or Draw.

Rita Redmond '36 presided at the Record Librarians meeting during the Hospital Convention and addressed the meeting very ably.

Sister Mary Paul and Sister Raphael are attending the American Hospital Convention in Cleveland.

Alumnae Members will be interested to know Vera McMullen, 12 Slade St., Lt. 1798, has the agency for Beauty Counsellor products. We suggest you call Vera when making out your Xmas list.

CANADIAN NURSES CONVENTION, 1944

HEADQUARTERS IN ACTION

MISS Marion Lindeburg, President, C.N.A., welcomed the nurses to the convention by saying that "never in history have nurses been in such great demand" and referred to the present crisis as the greatest challenge to nursing in nursing history. She urged members of the association to meet this challenge. U.N.R.R.A. is now calling for nurses to go to war torn areas in Europe to help in the rehabilitation of millions of families whose health and spirits have been broken. In any scheme of social security that may come into being, nurses must be ready to take their part. She emphasized the necessity of post graduate study to maintain standards of nursing service and education. She said, "In spite of the shortage of nurses the enrolment of graduates in Canadian universities was the greatest in history and this enlarged enrolment did not nearly meet the present demand for qualified staff."

The Honorary Secretary, Miss Rae Chittick, reported that the C.N.A. did a Survey of Nursing for Canada under the Canadian Medical Procurement and Assignment Board. The C.N.A. also administered a \$250,000. Government Grant. She reports that they were in close touch with the above mentioned Board and with Mrs. Rex. Eaton of Selective Service regarding nursing affairs. The C.N.A. thought it advisable to withhold encouragement to Provincial Associations as to training of subsidiary workers as there was no legislation regarding controlling and training of these workers. The association also considered the affiliation of nurses with trade unions. The C.N.A. advised the provincial organizations to grant temporary permits to married and inactive nurses and also to accelerate courses to students to 30 months.

The General Secretary, Kathleen W. Ellis, reports that membership in the C.N.A. has increased from 10 to 21,000. Chief among the committees functioning under the C.N.A. were 1 the Government Grant Committee, 2-Committee on subsidiary nursing groups, 3-Labour relations Committee, 4-A special committee to confer with the Canadian Hospital Council on problems affecting nursing service, a committee to act as liaison with the Canadian Medical Procurement and Assignment Board and National Selective Service, a committee on post war planning, a committee to prepare a Canadian Manual on the Essentials of Good Hospital Nursing Service.

The Government Grant was increased to \$250,000. in 1943 and a similar amount for 1944-45. This is definite recognition by the Government

of the importance of nursing as a public health service.

"The Canadian Nurse" magazine reports that Miss Ethel Johns has retired as Editor and their new Editor, Miss Margaret Kerr, reports that 2,000 nurses in Ontario take "The Canadian Nurse." This is a 13% increase. All the other provinces are under the 1000 subscription mark.

STRENGTHENING OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Report of the Government Grant Committee —Miss M. Lindeburg

The C.N.A. were responsible for interpreting the need for financial aid for nurses to the Department of Pensions and National Health. The grant was used as follows: 1-Administration salary for National Advisor; 2-Aid to provinces for additional personnel and teaching equipment in schools of nursing, hospitals and universities. 3-Bursaries up to \$400. 102 long and 12 short awarded. This committee recommends that 1-If the amount of the grant be cut, first consideration be given to university and schools of nursing. 2-That provincial organizations ask provincial governments for financial aid for their schools of nursing. 3-The C.N.A. requested the grant for the duration from the Federal Government.

Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee —Miss Munroe

Twenty-six loans were granted in the past 2 years and assets total \$10,000. All loans have been attended to satisfactorily.

The Labour Relations Committee

C.N.A. approve the principle of collective bargaining and the committee is making a thorough study of the whole situation. Reports were received from all Provincial Departments of Labour as they effect nursing, and the committee recommends that provincial organizations consider the question of nurses being included in 1-unemployment insurance, 2-Workmen's Compensation Act., etc. Results of their study will come to us from R.N.A.O.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

Reports great help received from the grant. There are 2,337 nurses doing Public Health Work in Canada. There has been great growth in Industrial Nursing. In Alberta a public health instructor has been engaged to give Public Health lectures in all schools of nursing. There should be staff education for Public Health and Industrial nurses.

History of Nursing in Canada

A text book on the History of Nursing in Canada has been started by Mr. J. Murray Gibbon and will be ready by 1946.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND NURSING SERVICE

The committee on Health Insurance and Nursing Service has made a study and kept closely in touch with health insurance schemes. Miss E. Moore and Miss M. Baker from Ontario are on this committee. They have had legal advice and are doing their utmost to protect nurses under any new health insurance plan. This committee presented a brief to Ottawa regarding Regulations for nurses for presentation to the provinces when the Bill is passed. Acts concerning health insurance have been passed in Ontario and Saskatchewan although they have not yet been put into effect.

What we should know and do about health Insurance—Miss Rae Chittick.

Health insurance as we now conceive it is the proposal of the present government in power in Ottawa. At present the Health Insurance Act is only a Draft Bill and has not yet been presented to the House. It is doubtful if it will become effective before the next election. The modern state considers that compulsory health insurance is the only effective way to raise money to pay for sickness of everyone. Set rates are paid as people on the whole are unable to pay for medical expenses. What has been done toward socialized medicine in Canada? Three provinces have passed draft bills but none are in effect. Various companies have Health Insurance. Ontario has associated medical services and Hospital plan care but these plans do not cover the people as a whole.

Difficulties of Socialized Medicine in Canada

British North America Act puts onus on Province for Health.

Provincial incomes are different.

Per capita income different.

Definite shortage of Medical and Nursing Personnel and uneven distribution. 37% of total health personnel is in 7 large cities in Canada. The Draft Bill has been revised and is being studied in the House now.

Benefits of Health Insurance.

Complete medical and nursing care, medicines, dental care, family Doctor. Doctors may choose patients and patients may choose Doctors. Group clinics may be used. Doctors may practice in groups, clinics or privately. Maximum cost of the plan is \$42.00 for single persons and \$74 a year for a married couple.

Criticisms of Bill

1-Health insurance benefits should be introduced step by step.

2-Federal grants be applied as service given.

3-Province raise funds in any way they see fit.

4-Provinces be allowed to lower their contribution if \$12.00 is not needed.

5-Amount collected from individuals too high as 62% of workers make less than \$950.00 a year.

6-Some feel that the province should provide a minimum for all and beyond that people pay for what they want.

7-There is not enough in the estimates for NURSES.

We must make every effort to be alert to the developments in social security plans and particularly to socialized medicine because it affects you as nurses and as citizens.

Hospital and School of Nursing

Miss Gibson reports that there is an acute shortage of nurses, that short courses for graduates have helped considerably. At the present time 8-hour duty for students is impossible for many schools.

General Nursing Section—Miss M. Baker

Your general nursing chairman reports that she was called upon to help hospitals maintain staff and at the same time supply nurses for critically ill patients. Much work has been done to improve the working conditions and salary for the general duty nurse and in most places the nurses co-operated. Miss Baker represented the nurses at a meeting with Mrs. Rex. Eaton, Assistant Director of Selective Service. From the discussion it was learned that many nursing needs in Canada are not being met, especially the 4-12 and 12-8 calls, general duty in hospitals, urban and rural, isolation hospitals, sanatoria, and mental institutions.

Existing needs must be met. Either we will meet them under this plan of a professional organization or they will be met for us under government direction. Miss Baker feels that the need can be met if (1) there is minimum rest between cases. (2) abolish bracketing. (3) All periods of call be taken in a system of rotation. (4) Take a turn at general staff duty. (5) Married nurses be accepted on registries for duration. (6) That a committee be formed to study the needs and consult with the registries.

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BIRTHS

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Dr. and Mrs. George Culnan (Rita Lortte '38), a son.

To Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Callarco (Beryl Black '39), at Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital, on Sept. 17, 1944, a son, "Charles Joseph."

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Aug. 24, 1944, to Capt. and Mrs. Thos. Dixon (Barbara Howarth '42), a son, "John Joseph."

To Mrs. Barfoot (Audrey MacKenzie '42) and the late Flight Sergeant Joseph Colclough Barfoot, a daughter, "Joan Catherine," on Sept. 27, 1944, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

In September, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Dr. and Mrs. Art Cummings, a son.

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, in July, to Capt. and Mrs. Ross Munro (Helen Stephens), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray (Jean Corbett '32) announce the arrival of their son, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Sept. 29th.

On Sept. 26th, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Austen (Teresa Dumont '35) a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray Townsend announce the arrival of their son, on Aug. 20th, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Ont., on Oct. 11, 1944, to Corp. and Mrs. J. T. Millard (Violet Saunders '42), son, "Terry Saunders."

On Aug. 21, 1944, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Domet (Martha Stephens '40), a son.

To Lieut. and Mrs. Wm. Comartin (Helen Courtemanche '42), a daughter, "Margaret Mary Louise," at St. Michael's Hospital, on Sept. 16, 1944.



Billy Stewart '44 has joined the ranks of Air-Hostesses of the Trans-Canada Airways, and is stationed in Winnipeg, Man. Good luck in the new venture, Billy!

St. Michael's nurses, students and graduates, took part in the Annual Holy Name Demonstration held in the Maple Leaf Stadium, Toronto, on Sunday, October 1st.

Miss Lucy Campbell '22 has left on an extended trip to the Maritimes and expects to stay some time at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

THIS CHRISTMAS . . .

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News from Overseas



You will notice I have been doing a bit of travelling of late since I last wrote. I left the good old 13th around the first of August to join the 16th. We were a few weeks in England with them drilling, going for route marches, etc., then we crossed to France, there I spent a week with No. 10 while our place was being set up, a number of the units were nearby so I saw, Isobel Rowland, Marg. Bird, Alice McCabe, Ada Demaer, but missed Herringer and Dubeau as they had moved on. It was grand seeing them all again. I was only thirty-six hours with the new set up when I was moved on again, this time to Belgium. We are reinforcements for C.C.S. I love it here, the shops and houses are so modern and clean. I didn't see Paris while in France, but did see the Vimy Memorial, it is a wonderful piece of architecture. Going along the road you could see the outline of the trenches and shell holes of the last war, they are carpeted now with grass but the outline remains. I received my August Alumnae News and as usual read it from cover to cover. I certainly wish I could have been there for the re-union. I was sorry to hear of Marion Pallett's accident. We have Major Foix with us. Had a letter from Marg. Michaud and she is just itching to get over here, she certainly could help me with my French.

'Bye now,

CLAIRE ASHLEE '35

No. 6 Canadian General Hospital, B.L.A. C.A.O.

N/S. Lillian Mitchell,
108 S.A. Gen. Hospital,
U.D.F.; C.M.F.

Dear Sister Mary Kathleen:

I am enclosing a Rosary which I bought in Rome, and had it blessed by the Pope. I would like you to give it to a Student Nurse who has lost a brother in this war.

The idea back of it all, in my mind, is to bring comfort to any student who may be mourning the loss of a very dear brother, as I am. My only brother was killed in Tunisia, December '42. This is just a slight token to someone in memory of him.

I have been very grateful for all the parcels, Christmas cards, etc., which I have received from the nurses and hope to be home before too long, to thank them personally.

Yours very sincerely,

LILLIAN MITCHELL '39

Since coming to Italy I have had the pleasure of visiting Rome and the Vatican. St. Peter's Cathedral is magnificent. One could really spend many hours wandering through or admiring the many statues and mosaics. I climbed the 700 odd steps to the top of the dome, where a beautiful view of all the city lies at your feet. It was quite an effort but was really worth it.

Rome is a beautiful city, with wide shady streets, and very clean. You would never know war has been there. Such is not the case at Naples though considerable damage has been done there. The children are in rags and very undernourished.

The villages we are stationed in seems to be full of ragged, dirty half-starved children always begging for "chocolata." At 1.30 each day we have a soup kitchen for the poor children, giving out soup and bread to them. The dear little tots, some who can hardly walk, toddle up with their tin dishes, rush away and eat it and in a few minutes are back again in line. It makes your heart ache to see little children suffering so.

Sincerely yours,

LILLIAN MITCHELL '39



Margaret McGeady '38 was a summer visitor here from Yonkers, N.Y.

Mrs. Terry Robert (Norah Gleason '25) and children were recent visitors to Toronto.

Helen O'Sullivan, Mae Brennan, Alma Purtle and Ethel Crocker spent an enjoyable holiday at the General Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont., during the summer.

Lulu Marrin '21 of the staff of the Ford Hospital, Detroit, spent her holidays visiting friends in and around Toronto.

Marie and Tony Kraft '42 are at their home in Provost, Alberta, due to the illness of their father.

Mrs. J. Stephenson (Laura Kiernan '34) entertained recently at a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Bert Sanderson (M. Murphy '36).

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RE-UNION LETTERS

1013-95 St.,
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Sister:—

It is with great regret that I have to tell you that I will be unable to attend our Fiftieth Anniversary Re-union. My very best wishes for all in this great event and through the years ahead. I'm very proud to be a St. Michael's graduate and wish with all my heart that I could renew old acquaintances and review many happy memories.

I have a 14 month old daughter whom I hope will want to follow in her mother's footsteps in choice of profession and if she does, I hope too, that she chooses, St. Michael's.

Sincerely,

DOROTHY CARTER RUDOLPH '32

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37 Metcalfe Street,
Apt. 3, Toronto

Dear Sister:—

Thank you for your kind invitation, I shall be very pleased to be among those present on May 10th and meet all my old friends of St. Michael's training days.

Sincerely,

RITA EGAN O'FARRELL '26

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SANSORIGINE 8
CABLEGRAM FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Sister Mary of the Nativity.

REUNION GREETINGS TO THE CLASS OF 1935
MARGUERITE MICHAUD '35.

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University of Ottawa School of Nursing,
Ottawa, Ont.

Reverend and dear Sister Superior:—

Thank you so much for the kind invitation to be present at the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary. I should like so much to be with you all and know I would enjoy every minute of the time. Unfortunately, this is a very busy time with us and it will be impossible for me to attend even the one day set aside for the 1920-33 graduates.

My very best wishes not only for the success of the Re-union but also for the continued success of our beloved School of Nursing.

Very sincerely yours,

HELEN M. O'MEARA '23

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73 Elm Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:—

I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the R-union. For a time I had hoped to attend, however, recently I received word from my husband who is serving on the high seas, that his ship may possibly touch our port, so I must forego the pleasure of seeing all my friends again.

My very best wishes for the continued success of St. Michael's.

Sincerely,

MARGARET LOVICK MILLSON '38

141-35 79th Avenue,
Flushing, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Sister Superior:—

Many thanks for the invitation to join in the Re-union of St. Michael's Graduates. I would dearly love to attend and renew friendships. However, I do not see my way clear, so I am afraid I shall have to forego the pleasure.

Please extend my heartiest congratulations to the graduating class of 1944. It is indeed an honour to be a St. Michael's graduate. I shall be thinking of you all during the Re-union days. My best regards to all, especially Sister Amata.

Respectfully yours,

OLIVE DEAN SINGER '29

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St. Joseph's Hospital,
Guelph, Ont.

Dear Sister Superior:—

Your very kind invitation to the Graduates' Re-union on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee was received. Please accept my sincere thanks and deep regrets that I shall be unable to attend.

With this note go my congratulations and good wishes that the splendid work of St. Michael's may be continued successfully for many years to come.

Sincerely in J.M.J.

SISTER MARY EILEEN
(Mary Grace McKenna '32)

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519 West 167th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sister Superior:—

My congratulations on the 50th reunion of graduates from St. Michael's!

I wish it were possible for me to attend but I find it impossible. I have met so many nurses from St. Michael's down here, and I am very proud of them. They are a splendid crowd of young ladies and a real credit to their training school. May your success continue!

I have just read a copy of "The News," which I enjoyed very much. The enclosed cheque is a small donation towards the scholarship fund. Thank you for remembering me,

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH McKINNON '15.

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Almeda Hospital,
Almeda, California.

Dear Sisters and Graduates:—

I find it impossible to be with you during the Re-union as I was home for some time last Christmas.

I am supervising in a hundred bed hospital on the coast in the thick of the ship building area. Our town has gone from ten thousand population to seventy-five in less than three years.

My best regards to the class of '27, would appreciate letters from any of them telling me of the big doings.

With every wish for the success of the reunion, I am

Yours sincerely,

FLORENCE H. GIGNAC '27,
Almeda Hospital, 2070 Clinton Ave.,
Almeda, California.

REUNION LETTERS

Somewhere in England.

Dear Reverend Sister:—

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the re-union. I would love to be there but since I am serving with the Armed Forces and at present stationed in England, it will be impossible.

I often think of St. Michael's and the people I worked with for three years, it would give me great pleasure to see them all again. Please remember me to everyone, and especially the members of the class of '37.

Sincerely,

BETTY MEEHAN, 2nd Lieut. N755-764
115th Station Hospital, A.P.O.
No. 571, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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The Fontbonne,
425 East 5th St.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mother Superior:—

From the old city of Cincinnati and from the bottom of my heart, I offer heartiest congratulations to your Golden Jubilee and regret being unable to make the trip to Toronto. The memory of the days spent at St. Michael's are very precious to me, may God continue to bless your work and a special prayer will be said for the success of the Re-union and for all my associates who will no doubt, be present to rejoice with you.

Gratefully yours,

JOSIE KEHOE '11

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Monastery Precious Blood,
113 St. Joseph St., Toronto.

Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:—

Thank you so much for notifying me of the re-union of graduates. Of course I can't be with you in person but I certainly shall be thinking of you all on those days. It would be lovely to meet graduates of other days and hear stories of days gone by. I know from comparing notes with my mother (Mary Haffey '01) that in essentials, things have changed very little, the same high standards, worthy ambitions and high ideals are inculcated in the graduate of today as in those of fifty years ago.

I am proud to be a graduate from St. Michael's and hope and pray that God will bless your work in the future as He has in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

In the Blood of Jesus!

SISTER M. MONICA (Marion Ball '39)

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No. 15 Canadian General Hospital,
Overseas.

Dear Mother Superior:—

Having just received the announcement of the Fiftieth Graduation Exercises and Jubilee Re-union, I would like to say that due to the distance between us I will be unable to attend. My thoughts will be with you especially on Wednesday, May 10th, when I'm sure I would have seen many of my old classmates. Please remember me to them all. Hoping to be with you for the next re-union, I remain,

Yours truly,

LAURA LARKIN '32

Somewhere in England.

Dear Sister:—

I received your kind invitation yesterday, but due to the little matter of the Atlantic Ocean, I will be unable to attend the re-union. My very best regards to all, especially the class of '42, I do not think there will be many of us there as we seem to be well scattered. I would very much appreciate the address of my classmate, Lieut. Foley, we may be within a few miles of each other.

It is very lovely here, I expect to be doing field work shortly, so please pray for us and one day we may all be present at a re-union.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH BURNS '42. N-151093
7th General Hospital, A.P.O. 9826
c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

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41 Hayes Street,
Norwich, N.Y.

Dear Sister Superior:—

It is with deep regret that I must say that I cannot be with you all on May 10th. Recalling the days spent at St. Michael's is always a great pleasure to me and how I would love to see many of those who made those far-away days unforgettable. When up on vacation I usually try to visit the hospital, but when I do a feeling of sorrow is mixed with pride as to me it is not the old St. Michael's, it has grown so big.

My congratulations on this Re-union Jubilee and my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

VELMA BURBIDGE '2

P.S.—Usually known at St. Michael's as "Burbie."

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4014 Elbow Drive,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sister Superior:—

It is with deep regret that I inform you, that I will not be able to be personally with you to attend the Jubilee Exercises. I would dearly love to have been able to renew old acquaintances and associations, but being so far away I find it impossible.

May I convey to you and all the old graduates, especially those of my class of '21, a very happy re-union, and the hope that the splendid efforts of the hospital will be blest in the future as in the past.

Very sincerely your,

BEATRICE GOUGH McCaffery '21.

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Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sister:—

I regret very much that I will be unable to attend the R-union of graduates on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration.

Please remember me to all my classmates and my best wishes to St. Michael's and the class of '44.

Sincerely,

HELEN AZIZ GERALDE '35.

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134 William St.,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sister Mary of the Nativity:—

I was so very pleased to receive the invitation to the re-union. "The Fiftieth"—what a wonderful occasion it will be! My year was 1932 and I am certainly counting on being there as I have many happy memories of St. Michael's. Thank you Sister Superior, for making this day possible. With every wish for the success of the day,

Sincerely,

MARY (MORIARITY) WALLER '32.



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Simpson's

Adele Johnston '35 has become air-minded. She spent Thanksgiving in Ottawa, flying there and back. She declares it is the only way to travel, and has an order in for the first airplane to be built for civilian use after the war. The trip was doubly interesting, when she discovered that the Hostess was none other than Betty Walsh '37.

Amy Christie '11 spent the summer here. Amy is located in New York.

Mrs. W. Benny (Margaret Thurlow '38) spent a very enjoyable vacation in New York City recently.

Dorothy Regan '25 of New York City was a summer visitor here.

Mrs. Murray McCaffrey (Beatrice Gough '21) of Calgary, Alta., is in town visiting relatives and friends.

Among the St. Michael's Nurses present at the Canadian Nurses' Biennial Convention held in Winnipeg in June, were:—Catherine McGuinness '21; Helen O'Meara, representing the University of Ottawa; Reta Brown '32, Supt. of General and Marine Hospital, Owen Sound, and Doreen Murphy '36, representing St. Michael's Alumnae Association.

If you were one of the listeners to the skits put on during the United Welfare Drive, you most likely recognized the voice of our Maud Tisdale in the V.O.N. presentation. Maud conducted that interview all by herself.

Mrs. A. Paquette (B. Stephenson '38) has moved to Sudbury.

Mrs. Hank Martin (Velma Brown '28) has joined her husband in Halifax, N.S.

Sally McDonald '26 has returned from an enjoyable trip to Winnipeg.